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Public Meeting Announced

for

Primoshield & Bossert Hazardous Waste Sites

January 21, 1993, 7 P.M., City of Utica Office Building
Common Council Chamber, 1 Kennedy Plaza, 1st Floor
Utica, New York, 13502

The City of Utica, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) invite you to come and participate at this public meeting to learn more about ongoing efforts to investigate and clean up hazardous waste at:

Primoshield Plating (Site Code 6-33-027), 1212 St. Vincent Street, Utica, NY, and

Bossert Manufacturing Corp. (Site Code 6-33-029), 1002 Oswego Street, Utica, NY

These sites currently are owned by the City of Utica. Programs to investigate and determine how best to deal with the contamination are being carried out through a cost-sharing program (Title 3) with New York State. The 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act will fund 75% of eligible costs, and the City of Utica will be responsible for 25% of the costs. Please see the enclosed fact sheets for more information about these sites.

AGENDA

- 7 PM Welcome and Introduction.
- 7:10 Primoshield - Presentation About Site History, Current Activity and Proposed Future Activity.
- 7:30 Primoshield - Questions and Answers and Information Exchange With the Public.
- 8:00 Bossert - Presentation About Site History, Current Activity and Proposed Future Activity.
- 8:30 Bossert - Questions and Answers and Information Exchange With the Public.
- 9:00 Wrap-up and What Happens Next

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CLASSIFICATION FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

Five classifications for hazardous waste sites are specified in the ECL to be used by DEC in preparing the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. These classifications are:

Classification 1 - causing or presenting an imminent danger of causing irreversible or irreparable damage to the public health or the environment -- immediate action is required;

Classification 2 - Significant threat to the public health or environment -- action required;

Classification 3 - Does not present a significant threat to the environment or public health -- action may be deferred;

Classification 4 - Site properly closed -- requires continued management;

Classification - 5 - Site properly closed, no evidence of present or potential adverse impact -- no further action required;

In addition to the preceding five statutory classifications, DEC has developed a temporary administrative classification, Class 2a.

Classification 2a - This temporary classification has been assigned to sites where there is inadequate data to assign them to the five classifications specified by law. In 1985, before the Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation was fully staffed, a peak number of 664 of these sites were listed on the registry. These sites comprised 68% of all the registry sites listed in that year. As of April 1, 1992, this number has been reduced to 367 sites.

DEC has assigned each of the 979 sites to one of these classifications.

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3. New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH); Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation (BEEI):

NYSDOH

BEEI, Room 205

2 University Place

Albany, New York 12203-3313

Greg Rys - Eastern Section

tel. (518) 458-6305 or

Susan Van Patten - Citizen Participation

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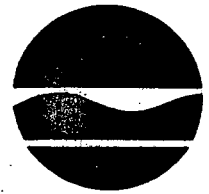
4. O'Brien and Gere Engineers (Consultants to the City of Utica, New York):

O'Brien and Gere Engineers

5000 Britton Field Parkway

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Syracuse, New York 13221



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FACT SHEET

Bossert Manufacturing Plant Site (Site Code: 6-33-029)

City of Utica

NYSDEC Region 6

Oneida County, New York

Name of Site During Operation: Bossert Manufacturing Corp.

Type of Activities Conducted at the Site: Metal stamping, sheet metal welding, metal fabrication, assembly and related industrial activities.

Approximate Size: 10 acres

Location: 1002 Oswego Street, Utica, New York 13503 *(Please see map on Page 4)*

Owner/Operator During Use: BMC (Bossert Manufacturing Corp.) Stamping Co.

Current Owner: City of Utica

Current Property Zoning: M1 - Light Manufacturing

Hazardous Waste Disposed of at the Site: From approximately July, 1964 through May, 1985, the following are known or suspected to have been disposed of at the site:

- PCB contaminated debris (3500 to 5000 cubic yards)
- 160 drums (waste unknown)
- Nine vats of acid (total volume unknown)
- Laboratory chemicals (miscellaneous)
- Mercury contaminated waste (several drums)

Site Classification Code: NYSDEC has given the site a classification code of "2". This means the site represents a significant threat to the public health or environment. Action is required.

Assessment of Current Environmental Problems: Entry onto this site by unauthorized people may result in their exposure to hazardous waste (Polychlorinated Biphenyls [PCBs] and/or mercury) and other hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos). The present deteriorated structural condition also presents safety and health problems to individuals entering the buildings on site. Other potential on-site and/or off-site environmental problems remain undetermined at this time. These issues will be further examined during the upcoming remediation activities at this site.

transformers and an underground tank. During 1986 and 1987 the USEPA performed a partial removal action at the Bossert site. It consisted of removing and properly disposing of all the liquids and containerized waste on site. The USEPA also decontaminated much of the buildings.

In January of 1989 the USEPA informed the NYSDEC that they would not be able to conduct any additional work at the site. Since that time NYSDEC has entered into an agreement with the City of Utica, the site owner, to investigate and remediate the site. The City of Utica had seized the property due to non-payment of taxes and consequently became a responsible party involved with cleaning up the remaining wastes at the site.

For More Information: Three document repositories have been established to provide you with easy access to important project documents and information:

City of Utica Library
303 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315)735-2279

Hours: M, W, Th - 9am - 9pm
T & F - 9am - 5:30pm
Sat - 9am - 5pm

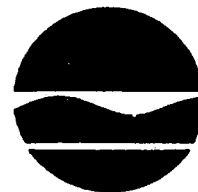
City of Utica, City Clerk's Office
City Office Building, First Floor
1 Kennedy Plaza
Utica, NY 13502
(315)792-0117

Hours: M - F - 8am - 4pm

NYSDEC Region 6 Office
Contact: Mr. Darrell Sweredoski
State Office Building
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315)785-2236
Hours: M - F - 8:30am - 4pm
**** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ****

If you have questions or need more information about the ongoing programs at the Bossert Site, call the NYSDEC toll-free hazardous waste information number 1-800-342-9296.

If you have health-related questions, call the New York State Department of Health's Health Liaison Program (HeLP) 1-800-458-1158 ext. 402. Ask for Ms. Susan VanPatten.



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Primoshield Site (Site Code: 6-33-027)

City of Utica NYSDEC Region 6 Oneida County, New York

Name of Site During Operation: Primoshield Inc.

Type of Activities Conducted at the Site: Metal Electroplating and Related Activities.

Approximate Size: 1.5 acres

Location: 1212 St. Vincent Street, Utica, New York 13501 (*Please see map on Page 4*)

Owner/Operator During Use: Primoshield Inc./Richard Feagin

Current Owner: City of Utica

Current Property Zoning: Commercial C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial)

Hazardous Waste Disposed of at the Site: From approximately the 1970's to approximately 1985, the following are known or suspected to have been disposed of at the site:

Cyanide salts

Hydrofluoric Acid

Corrosive liquids

Solvents

Spent Plating Solutions

Heavy Metals

Miscellaneous Laboratory Chemicals

Site Classification Code: NYSDEC has given the site a classification code of "2". This means the site represents a significant threat to the public health or environment. Action is required.

Assessment of Current Environmental Problems: Soil contamination at this site has been documented, based on prior sampling at the site by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Shallow groundwater contamination on or near the site is suspected. It is also likely that some of the building materials on site are contaminated. The site buildings also are a safety and fire hazard. Currently planned Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) activities will address both the known and suspected problems at this site. The RI/FS is a detailed investigation of the site that is conducted to determine the nature and extent of contamination. The information obtained during the RI/FS is used to select a remedial action that effectively eliminates the threat posed by the site.

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Site Background (continued)

Utica has retained the consulting engineering firms of O'Brien & Gere Engineers Inc. - Syracuse, NY and Stetson/Harza Inc. - Utica, NY to assist with these efforts.

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